

January 14, 2009

Washington, D.C. – As the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) moves forward on selecting a new site for its new medical center, the VA has released a letter of support for French Camp, California. The letter was sent to today both to outgoing VA Secretary James Peake as well as President-elect Obama. A copy of the letter can be viewed on Rep. McNerney's web site at http://McNerney.house.gov/pressroom/letters/French_Camp_Letter_01-14-09.pdf. The text of the letter is as follows:

January 14, 2009

The Honorable James Peake
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20420

General Eric Shinseki
Secretary of Veterans Affairs designee
Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Headquarters
451 6th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Secretary Peake and General Shinseki:

We are writing to express our strong support for expanding veterans' medical services in San Joaquin County. French Camp, which is already home to a heavily-used VA outpatient clinic, is an ideal site for an expanded medical center. San Joaquin County alone is home to more than 42,000 veterans. These veterans and the staff working at French Camp also offers access to advanced medical services. The facility enjoys a working relationship with the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) and the VA Medical Center in San Francisco.

America's veterans made a solemn promise by wearing the uniform of the United States and serving in I

Sincerely,

Bob Filner
Chairman
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Jerry McNerney
Member
Committee on Veterans' Affairs